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***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's reply was received in the Office on 3/14/03, which is after the expiration of the period for reply set in the last Office Action mailed on 11/18/02. This application will become abandoned unless applicant obtains an extension of time to reply to the last Office Action under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The fee for a two-month extension is \$205.00.

***Conclusion***

2. Telephone inquiries regarding the status of applications or other general questions, by persons entitled to the information, should be directed to the group clerical personnel and not to the examiners. In as much as the official records and applications are located in the clerical section of the examining groups, the clerical personnel can readily provide status information without contacting the examiners, M.P.E.P. 203.08. The **Group clerical receptionist number is (703) 308-1148** or the **Tech Center 3700 Customer Service Center number is (703) 306-5648**.

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